

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1        1. A system for storing and retrieving data, comprising:
  - 2            an identifier including three or more variables for identifying each data stored in said
  - 3            system.
- 1        2. The system of claim 1, wherein one of said three or more variables is a device identification variable.
- 1        3. The system of claim 2, further includes a timestamp for prioritizing said data.
- 1        4. The system of claim 3, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.
- 1        5. The system of claim 4, wherein said system includes a registry for storing said data.
- 1        6. The system of claim 5, wherein said registry is provided in a database structure.
- 1        7. The system of claim 1, wherein said three or more variables includes a device identification variable, an application identification variable and a user identification variable.
- 1        8. The system of claim 7, further including a timestamp for prioritizing data.
- 1        9. The system of claim 8, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.
- 1        10. The system of claim 9, wherein said system includes a registry and said registry includes a database structure for storing said data.
- 1        11. A registry for storing and retrieving preference data, comprising:
  - 2            an identifier including at least three variables for identifying a data stored in said registry.

1           12.    The registry of claim 11, further comprising a means for providing a floating  
2   value to said at least three variables.

1           13.    The registry means of claim 12, further comprising a means for associating a time  
2   stamp to said data.

1           14.    A method for storing and retrieving data in a system, comprising the step of:  
2            identifying each stored data in said system by an identifier including three or more  
3   variables.

1           15.    A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of storing data in a  
2   registry.

1           16.    A method according to claim 15, wherein one of said three or more variables is a  
2   device identification variable.

1           17.    A method according to claim 16, further including the step of time stamping said  
2   data for prioritizing said data.

1           18.    A method according to claim 17, further including the step of filling one of said  
2   variables with a wildcard.

1           19.    A method according to claim 18, further including the step of deleting one or  
2   more data items that has been superseded by a subsequent data having same identifier but a  
3   higher time stamp value.

1           20.    A method according to claim 19, wherein said registry is provided in a database  
2   structure.